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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. CYRUS MANZOOR
FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY NOSENZO.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR DR. MANZOOR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
LETTER OF DECEMBER 25, 1977, AND, IN PARTICULAR, YOUR
KIND EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND SEASONS GREETINGS.

NOW THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS MAJESTY THE SHAH HAVE
ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THE NEW DRAFT AGREEMENT
FOR COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, WE
LOOK FORWARD TO EARLY COMPLETION OF THE AGREEMENT SO THAT
US-IRAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION CAN PROCEED.

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OUR EMBASSY IN TEHRAN HAS KEPT US FULLY INFORMED OF DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH YOU AND OF YOUR EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN THAT
THE AGREEMENT ACCURATELY REFLECT THE REQUIREMENTS AND
CONDITIONS OF OUR PENDING LEGISLATION. I WOULD REAFFIRM

MY BELIEF, SHARED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND KEY MEMBERS

OF THE US CONGRESS, THAT THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE
LEGISLATION WILL NOT BE ALTERED WHEN IT IS TAKEN UP AGAIN
BY OUR CONGRESS AFTER IT RECONVENES LATER THIS MONTH, AND
THAT THE INITIALLING OF OUR NEW AGREEMENT NEED NOT AWAIT
PASSAGE OF THE BILL. IN THIS REGARD, I FULLY AGREE THAT
A MOST APPROPRIATE SETTING FOR THE INITIALLING OF THIS
ACCORD WOULD BE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE US-IRAN JOINT
COMMISSION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 28.

IN THE MEANTIME, I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR SPECI-
FIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT OR NOTE AND, OF
COURSE, STAND READY TO DISCUSS ANY QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICA-
TIONS THAT MAY STILL BE OF CONCERN. WITH WARMEST PERSONAL
REGARDS, LOUIS V. NOSENZO, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
NUCLEAR ENERGY AND ENERGY TECHNOLOGY AFFAIRS. END TEXT.
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